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Subject: Please consider this carefully!

Greetings!

I debated this for a long time, before finally deciding to say something on this subject of Microsoft vs. DoJ. See, I am so disappointed the DoJ has completely and utterly failed the public it represents with this "alleged" settlement with Microsoft. As sad as it appears to be, if you have money and a monopoly you can do whatever you please, buy whomever you want. Here we have a totally unrepentant Microsoft dictating what the terms of settlement are. Microsoft needs to be stopped if there will ever be any claims of justice in our judicial system. Will my letter make a difference? Will my plea fall on deaf ears? Will my faith be restored in our justice system? As important as justice is, it should never be rushed for the sake of convenience of the court. I'm appalled at the idea that the events of Sept. 11, will even suggest that this case be expedited. What an absurd idea. I am stunned speechless this attitude, or the appearance thereof exists in this current court. Like any American, I am deeply saddened by the 9/11 events and my hearts goes to the families of those affected by it. Here on the other hand, we have Microsoft enjoying the fruits of it's monopoly prior to that event, and indeed long after. Think carefully about what is at stake here.

What actions would I like to see in regard to making things right again? Start with stopping Microsoft from forcing OEMs to pre install it's OS on all new computers. If an OEM wants to sell a Microsoft product, do it separately and fully disclose the costs. As a consumer, I don't want to pay Microsoft for an OS I don't need or want. There's something badly wrong in this country when a convicted monopolist can force OEMs to pre load products, and our judicial system turn it's head. Thanks for taking the time to read this. Do not neglect your responsibility to the citizens of this great nation.

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The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.

--Michelangelo

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